Punch. This gailers of sketches of le is much larger and somewhat more the companion book of illustrations of The number of cuts is about 400, and invention of droll situations. His subjects are merally chosen from low and middle-class life; and if the languid fine gentleman is introduced and then it is only to serve as a foil for the test display of semething languable in persons a different rank in the world. The characteristic Mr. Keepe's style is one death. adscape backgrounds sometimes, but he has no mple in perpetrating such atrocities as the little is in "Ready" (p. 83) and "Brushing Pa's New Hat" (p. 136). These figures, not being important for the development of his principal ides, are drawn with a carelessness of which, to do him justice, he ves us but few examples. The motive of the otches is almost invariably well chosen, and in expression of it Mr. Keene never fails. His boys are inimitable. They are not the pretty children of Du Manrier or the well-bred cufans terribles of seh; they are the mischievous, saucy, and pre-lous urchins of the street, the full-fed page who is the plague of the family, the stupid rustic scholar who brings the board schoolmaster to confusion by culous answers to the visiting inspector Who signed Mauna Charta ?" asks Mt. Inspector urgently but in vain; and scapegrace, thinking matters begin to look serious, replies, " Please, sir, 'twasn't me, sir ?" The picture of the discharged ge, with broken crockery and glass, the evidences of his carelessness, covering the dining-table, is delicious. "Now, Robert," asks his mis-tress, "you understand why I part with you!" And he sobs and rubs his tousled sandy hair as he answers: "'Cause I'm-'cause I'm-'cause I'm so ugly !" The tavern waiters are as good as the boys; bus drivers and cabmen, in whose impudence there is a redeeming flavor of fun, one is never tired of ; and Mr. Keene's Scotchmen are a distinct class, never surpassed, we think, by any of Mr. ch's caricaturists. The humors of the servant's hall are treated with an unction which owes much of its effect to the artist's discreet reserve, for the exaggeration proper to caricature is seldom allowed to reach the limit of the grotesque. It is perhaps in Irish pictures, however, that Mr. Keene is happiest, and in these his success in the invention of the subject is quite as great as his skill in treating it. Like Leech and Du Maurier, he excels in the terse, witty, and dramatic legends written under his pictures. The Irish car-driver, lowering the shalts at the foot of every ascent to make the horse "b'lave ha's goin' down hill"; Pat, who has signed the pledge, standing with a very long face under the window of the public house, "listenin' to them impenitent boys drinking inside"; the tattered and oisy customer who pulls off his coat and yells at the athletic barman: "Tur-r-rn me out! Is it tur-r-rn me out! Thin, bedad! come outside and tur-r-rn me out!!" the Irish drill sergeant who appears in a variety of droll situations, always with a fresh buil; the Irish peasant who, in his love of hyperbole and generous desire to please, exclaims to the English sportsman: "Is it throuts? Be jabers, the watther's stift wid 'em!"-these are creations of Mr. Keene's which illustrate the brightness of his tancy no less than the facility of

A son of General "Sam" Houston is writing the biography of the Texan hero, and has the family napers in his possession.

Webster's Dictionary contains 1.764 pages; the dictionary of the French Academy, which professes to be the standard for France, 1,870 pages; Littre's great work, which is superior to the Academ.'s distionary, 4,708 pages; Vieira's Portuguese dictionary 5.129 pages; and the German dictionary of the brothers Grimm to the letter L, 12.974 pages.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, whose home is in Washington, has been in very poor health, but is now when ill, and wrote many pages of manuscript while bedridden. The novel she is now writing is said to deal with Washington life, a fruitful field, which has been too little worked and will one day make some novelist's fortune.

It is reported that Dr. Holland, desirous of relieving himself from the responsibilities of business, has sold the majority of his stock in the magazine house of Scribner & Co. to Mr. Roswell Smith, who henceforth will hold a controlling proprietary interest in the concern. Mr. Smith has been the business manager from the first, and this accession to his power insures the maintenance of the same liberal and efficient policy which has made the two magazenes of the house among the most conspicuous and successful publishing enterprises of the time. Dr. Holland will continue in his chair as Editor-in-

"In 'Endymion,' Lord Beaconsfield has been at his old trick of unacknowledged appropriation," observes Toe London World. "Thus, in vol. iii., p. 135: 'As for that,' said Waldershare, 'sensible men are all of the same religion.' 'And pray what is that I' asked the Prince. 'Sensible men never tell.' This sounds like an original epigram, one of these 'brilliant things' which the Disraelites are always extolling. But in reality it is merely a reproduction, not even a paraphrase, of a story concerning the then Lord Shaftesbury in Burnet's History of His Own Time.' A reference to that work will show the ipsissima verba, save that the old story gives 'men of sense' instead of 'sensible men."

Captain Barton, the English traveller, has trans lated the "Lunad" and his version will soon be published. The London World in mentioning the fact says: "Like our own poet's 'Paradise Lost, the 'Lusiad' of Camoens is more talked of than read, aithough the celebration at Lisson a few months ago may have added a few students to the votaries of the Portuguese poet. Amongst these votaries, none, perhaps, is more enthusiastic than Captain Barton, who for the last twenty years has held daily communion with 'Os Lusiadas.' In his wanderings afar from the world's highways be made Camoens his companion, and discovered a peculiar sympathy of mind between himself and the noble Portuguese, an affinity which Mrs. Burton seems inchined to trace even in the fortunes of the two men.'

The plan of the "Dectionary of English Phrases," which has been prepared by Kwong Ki Chin, of the Chinese Educational Commission, in Hartford, is to explain the figurative and metaphorical meanings of common words in stang or in idiomatic expressions. Each phrase is three times defined, like the following:

Stuck U —Parse-proud; pretentions. When I called on him in his new house, he appeare when I called on him in his new house, he had a pre-

When I called the large tentions all.

Come Up To—To rise to.

The writer of the poem did not come up to the dignity of the subject.

The writer of the poem did not rise to the dignity of the subject, in his treatment of it.

Out of Countenance—With the countenance cast down; abasined; confounded.

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A moment's thought that all of any decrease in the net earnings of a company falls entirely upon its stock, and when there is a preferred stock upon the common stock, is sufficient to make present figures look speculative and high, even without the aid of a miroscope. Central and Hudson's capital stock and bonds are \$138,000,000; the bonds are \$40,000,000, upon which the interest is to be paid, and interest on the Harlem Railroad bonds and 8 per cent upon the stock of that company, before the Central and Hudson stock sees a dividend, be the earnings great or small. Northwest common stock is selling at 1267g, yet before it there is more than \$100,000,000 of preferred stock, bonded indebtedness and capitalized rentals. A small percentage of decrease in the company's business will leave the common stock out in the cold so far as its being a source of income to its holders. Erie

to know, however, if the company's estimated statement of December 7 for the month of December allowed for any decrease in the earnings from December, 1879. Delaware, Lackawanna and Western stock was vigorously builed up to 110@1097s. wnile the other coal stocks were only moderately active within a range of 1 per cent. Lake Erie and Western was a special feature because of its advance to 425 a 423 s, but Ontario and Western after a rise to 31 s was weak at 3012. A notable feature of the day's business was the exceptional comparative weakness of Union Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, the Wabashes, and Iron Mountain. There was enough left of the appearance of an investors' market to show a discrimination against Canada Southern, which closed at 75 ex-divident of 212 per cent, against 78, the opening fig-ures. The market closed excited and strong.

Government bonds were more active, the transactions at the Boards amounting to \$143,000. Prices also were firm, and the final bids show advances of 18 per cent for all the issues except the 68 of 1880. The Treasury purchased \$1,000 6s of 1880

S are bonds were inactive, with small sales of Loui rena consols at 53, I cunessee 6s, old, at 4912 and new 4712. Alabamas, class A, at 73, and North Carolina consolidated 4s at 8512, and special taxes

at 7. Annexed are the closing quotations : | Tenn 6a new series | C C C & 1 lat | 10,000 | 109 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 107 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 98-9. N. C. Spec'l Tax. Class 2 N. C. Spec'l Tax, Class 3 N. c. con 4s, 1910. J & J. N. c. sm, b. J.&J. N 1 8m. b. J.&J. 85 to 010 6a, 1880 j. &J 100 010 6a, 1886 j. &J 100 010 6a 1886 j. &J 107 010 6a 1883 j. &J 120 j. &J 120 02 j. &J 120

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First National 600
Fifth Avenue 360
German-American 90
Hanover 121
Imp'r' & Trad'rs 2.50
Market 120
Mechalics' 145

Radroad bonds were only moderately active, and the dealings presented little that is of special interest. Boston, Hartford and Erie firsts were notable exceptions in the market, and rose from 49 to 5012. Ene seconds sold at 1023 @ 1013 @ 102. Missouri, Kansas and Texas first consols rose to 113, but re-acted to 112¹2, and seconds were only steady at 77. C., C. and I. C. first assented were dull, but there were indications that the Pennsylvania Railroad 111, and Great Western seconds at 108@10812. Denver and Rio Grande firsts were steady at 115, and consols at 11612. lexas and Pacific incomes declined to 75, and firsts of Rio Grande Division were steady at 9812-29814. Annexed are the 'coming CLOSING PRICES 'SF PRILLADS PRIME STOCKS.

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In t-day's market, Central and Hudson was the leases of 155, and it closed at 1542, Lake Shore and Michigan Central followed with advances of 1422 for rose to 155, and it closed at 15432. Lake Shore and Michigan Central followed with advances of 1422 for the opening figures of 153421523 its price rose to 155, and it closed at 15432. Lake Shore and Michigan Central followed with advances of 1422 for the opening figures of 15341523 its price rose to 155, and it closed at 15432. Lake Shore and Michigan Central followed with advances of 1422 for the below its best figure, 13045. Western Union was noticeably active, and from 814, it rose to 824 on the buying of about 25,000 shares to cover "shorts." After that it fell to 8044, and finally closed at 8153. The immediate cause for the large buying to cever shorts was the authenticated report that the company's earnings for the third week in December 7 for the noughlob because of the december showed a failing of of only \$10,000 instead of \$40,000 It would be interesting to those work of December 7 for the noughlob because of the december 7 for 74% 75% St. L. I. M. & S. 1st 7s pref. int. ac'e. 91'9 92 St. L. I. M. & S. 21 6s int. acu'iative 76 76'4 The following are the quotations for securities on the "Free List":

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tify the suspicion that the London market was manipulated by cable in conjunction with to-day's Yokew-York market. In Paris, French 3 per cents declined from 84 92½ to 84.87½; sight exchange on London falling to 25.28 ranes to the £. The we kly statement of the B.ak of France shows an increase in gold of 12.880,000 frs., and a decrease in silver of 3,959,000 frs.

The subscriptions to \$20,000.000 Northern Pacific Rairoad bonds will be opened Monday, January 3, 1881, instead of January 6, 1881, instead of January 6, 1681, in subscriptions for \$7.500,000 bonds and stock of the Mexican National Railway Company, at the office of Woerishoffer & Co., were closed to-day. The amount subscribed for exceeds \$12,000,000. Alliothents will be made as soon as possible.

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New-York, Dec. 28, 1880.

NOTICE.

Stockholders of the STANDARD CONSOLIDA-TED MINING COMPANY who desire a continuance of the present management—the same that has ex-isted since its organization—will please make their proxies in name of either Damiel Cook, John F. Boyd, or William Willis, and inclose to either of the undersigned, care Post Office Box No. 4,450. M. R. COOK, Vice-President, JAMES H. BANKER, Director, New-York, Dec, 28, 1880.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT. THURSDAY, Dec. 80,

11.88 ± 11.90; January, 11.82 ± 11.97; February, 12.04 ± 12.20; March, 12.22 ± 12.39; Arud. 12.86 ± 12.52; May. 12.68 ± 12.53; Juna. 12.68 ± 12.73; July 12.68 ± 12.83; August, 12.72 ± 12.39; September, 12.26 ± 12.39; October, 11.70 ± 11.75; February, 12.08; March, 12.26; April, 12.44; May, 12.54; June, 12.64; July, 1.775; August, 12.79; September, 12.23; October, 11.66; Nevember, 1.40, To-tay's costing prices for contracts—December, 11.80; L.75; August, 12.79; September, 12.30; May, 12.62 ± 12.67; March, 12.23 ± April, 12.40; May, 12.52 ± 2.53; June, 12.62 ± 12.64; July, 12.713; June, 12.62 ± 12.64; July, 12.713; June, 12.62 ± 12.64; July, 12.713; FLOUR AND MEAL—ELU UR—March Brace Brach and in instances # 4.00 better; exported enang mosterate, and mainly | C. C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | 109 | 109 | C. C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | 107 | C. C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | 107 | C. C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | L.C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | L.C.Tv. Million Co. | 108 | L.C. & L.C.Tv. Co. | 108 | L.C.Tv. Million Co. | 10

O.S.A.N. Fiberral while those for charter root were what out further chances, business was slow. Liverpool, steam, 24,000 bush. Grain, 64, 4,000 do, do, 64d, and 8,000 do, 65, 54, 50 boxes. Facon, 50s; 1, 50 boxes Cheese, Sist, 1,200 bots. Four, 2s. 6d., 20s tons do, 22s. 6d.; 50 tes. Beef, 6s., Pork, 4s., Oil Cake, 70s., 1,200 boles cotten, through 7-3 6s., Pork, 4s., Oil Cake, 70s., 1,200 boles cotten, through 7-3 6s., Pork, 4s., Oil Cake, 70s., 1,200 boles cotten, through 7-3 6s., Pork, 4s., Oil Cake, 70s., 1,200 boles cotten, through 7-3 6s., Pork, 4s., Oil Cake, 70s., 1,200 boles cotten, through 7-3 5 and 7-3 of 1880. The Treasury purchased \$4,000 do of 1880 at 1027g. Annexed are the closing quotations:

1027g. Annexe

Exchance worked easy at 6 per cent, with late loans of brokers' balances at lower rates. Time loans are about 5 per cent. The domestic exchanges on New-York at the places named are quoted as follows: Savannah, 5;6 discount to par; Charleston, 5;6 discount to par; St. Lonis, 83 discount to par; St. Lonis, 81 discount; Chicago, 60 cents discount; Boston, par. The United States Treasurer at Washington to-day received \$150,000 in National bank notes for redemption. The customs receipts were \$384,397. The following is the Clearing House state near to-day: Exchanges, \$150,590,000; balances, \$83,386,026. The transactions at the 80b Treasury to-day covered; Receipts, \$15,090,000; balances, \$83,386,026. The transactions at the 80b Treasury to-day covered; Receipts, \$15,090,000; balances, \$5,388,100; currency balances, \$5,388,026. The transactions at the 80b Treasury to-day covered; Receipts, \$1,390,490,400; balances, \$6,3873; coin balance, \$74,202,043.

The foreign exchanges are in search of the following state chiefe from importers:

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TALLOW -- Steady : sales, 180,000 fb, 6 50 bc.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 40.—BENVES.—There were only 16 best of rough State Oxen, Stage and Dry Jows received to-day, but a few carloads of Cathe from line arrivals yester-day were and at Debert prices than the quality bought at any time yesterials. Some of the property of the stage of the property of the stage o